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News worth sharing.

What. A pane

▶ A Winnipeg firefighter inspects a loose pane of glass on the west side of the Marlborough Business Centre's top floor yesterday.

JAMES TURNER/METRO

Powerful winds force downtown closures

Wind gusts prompted police to close streets in the downtown area due to safety concerns. Traffic was snarled over the rush hour due to the closures.

How to curb car-on-deer collisions?

City, MPI, studying issue Key report on preventing carnage due back in 90 days

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A Winnipeg councillor is hoping city administrators and Manitoba Public Insurance (MPI) can find a way to slash a high number of dangerous deer-vehicle crashes happening inside city limits.

An average of 410 vehicles hit deer in the city each year, according to MPI data, a number Coun. Russ Wyatt (Transcona) describes as alarming.

"I was amazed to see the statistics," he said.

Residents in his ward have complained about the issue, and some effort has been made to erect signs to warn drivers of darting deer.

However, Wyatt contends the public works department has said it doesn't have the resources to maintain signage in areas where it may be needed.

"This is a huge loss of life, not to mention potential to human physical harm, and property damage."
COUN. RUSS WYATT IN A LETTER TO A CONSTITUENT.

He's asked the city to work with MPI to try and find other ways to protect drivers and wildlife. Yesterday, the city's public works subcommittee agreed to his request to study the issue.

Installing fences along roadways and perhaps adjusting speed limits could be considered, Wyatt said.

The public insurer has identified 11 areas on the fringes of the city where the majority of the collisions take place.

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Mural. On patrol

▶ A mural is seen on a St. Matthews Street wall yesterday.

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Colourful addition

The West End BIZ unveiled the first of four planned murals that will be added to the city's already colourful collection of artwork-painted walls. The first, honouring school patrols, was painted on the Pal Supermarket building on St. Matthews Street.

An Ontario couple has turned to the courts for help with looking into health effects of the wind turbines that may soon be in their backyard. Scan code for the story.

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On the web

Ethan Hawke's assessment of the filmmaking game in 2011: Easier than ever to make films, but harder than ever to make money. Video at metronews.ca

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Fraudster gets 18 months

Developed series of aliases and IDs Has history of convictions dating back to 2006

A Quebec man who defrauded banks and stores in Winnipeg, Regina and Saskatoon has had 18 months of jail time added to a prison sentence he's already serving for similar crimes.

For months, Winnipeg police waited for prison officials to move Tresor Nkumbo, 26, to Manitoba so they could charge him in connection with a fraud spree that took place here last summer. Yesterday, charges stemming from the crimes were also added to the list.

Nkumbo pleaded guilty to a range of crimes yesterday in front of Judge John Guy, including several counts of fraud over $5,000, forgery and identity theft.

Court heard the father of three used fake identifications — from driver's licences and social-insurance cards to a forged Canadian passport — to open accounts at major banks and apply for credit at stores such as Leon's Furniture and Future Shop.

On many occasions, fake cheques worth thousands were deposited and cashed, leaving the banks on the hook for the money.

Guy heard Nkumbo has a recent and related record for fraud and possession of fake ID that netted him a two-year prison term last October.

Court heard that in 2004, Nkumbo fell in with a group of fraudsters only to break free. He was pulled back in, however, because he owed the group money.

"This takes planning and premeditation — we're talking forged passports, we're talking counterfeit cheques."
JUDGE JOHN GUY

"He didn't want to anger these individuals and foolishly went along with them," defence lawyer Saheel Zaman said.

The Crown declined to ask the court to order Nkumbo to pay back what he stole, suggesting there's no way he'd ever be able to.

"I think it would be hopeless," prosecutor Neil Cutler told Guy.

JAMES TURNER

BROADCASTING

Get rid of loud TV ads: CRTC

Canada's broadcasters have a year to turn down the volume on their TV ads..

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission has ruled that commercials are indeed annoyingly loud, and will give broadcasters until next September to do something about it.

They got help in the verdict from more than 7,000 Canadians who responded with a resounding "yes" to the question it posed in February whether they thought ads were too loud.

The commission says 2009's international standard for measuring and controlling television signals will apply to minimize fluctuations in loudness between shows and commercials.

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Group of 'angels' save crash victim's life

CHRIS GARFF/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

▶ In this image taken from video, people rescue Brandon Wright, on his back, who was pinned underneath when he collided with the car while riding his motorcycle.

Strangers disregard own safety to save motorcyclist trapped under car

The bystanders had to act quickly. A motorcyclist had just collided with a car and was pinned beneath the flaming wreckage.

Disregarding their own safety, they lined up on one side of the car. And slowly, they managed to lift the roughly 4,000-pound car just high enough for one rescuer to pull Brandon Wright to safety.

They are being called "heroes" and "angels" — their few minutes of heroics was captured on video and has gone viral on the Internet.

"I'm just very thankful for everyone that helped me out," Wright told The Associated Press by telephone from his hospital bed. "They saved my life."

Most of those who helped then scattered.

"Every one of those people put their lives in danger," Assistant Police Chief Jeff Curtis said, adding that "you can only speculate what the outcome would have been if they hadn't lifted that car."

At a hospital news conference yesterday Wright's uncle, Tyler Riggs, recounted what Wright told his family about Monday's accident.

The crash happened near Utah State University in Logan, north of Salt Lake City. Wright was headed to study at a computer lab, Riggs said. The BMW was pulling out of a parking lot.

Despite not wearing a helmet, Riggs said, Wright had suffered no head trauma.

However, Wright does have two broken legs, a broken pelvis, road rash, burns on his left foot and abrasions to his forehead.

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Accused nabbed in boy's abduction

Kienan Hebert's father says the arrest of the sole suspect in his son's disappearance is a relief for his family and will calm nerves in this southeastern British Columbia community.

Convicted sex offender Randall Hopley, 46, was arrested yesterday morning, nearly a week after three-year-old Kienan vanished from his family home in Sparwood, B.C., RCMP said. A worker at a rock quarry in southwestern Alberta, not far from the B.C. boundary, said Hopley was arrested nearby.

Police offered few details of the arrest, which came two days after Kienan was mysteriously returned to his home in the middle of the night. A news conference was planned for later in the day in Sparwood.

Kienan's father, Paul Hebert, who has shown a thoughtful stoicism as the family's spokesman during the past week, was elated at the news.

▶ Randall Hopley

"We're happy for the community, relieved for the community. What more can we say? Extremely excited," Hebert told The Canadian Press shortly after RCMP confirmed the arrest.

"We're all excited that he's out of the community."

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Baird backs official who sent flirty email

The foreign affairs minister says his confidence in parliamentary secretary Bob Dechert has not been shaken by an embarrassing email exchange with a Chinese journalist.

John Baird says he's worked with the Toronto-area MP for a long time and he still trusts him, despite the flirtations involving Dechert and an employee of a state-run news agency linked to Chinese intelligence.

"Listen, I think the government has spoken to this, Mr. Dechert has spoken to this, I have spoken to this," Baird said yesterday. "I have nothing really additional."

Baird refused further comment on the matter.

Last week, Dechert acknowledged sending amorous notes to journalist Shi Rong, who works for the Xinhua news agency, linked to China's intelligence agencies. He insisted the relationship was "innocent."

"The person is a journalist whom I have come to know as a friend. I met her while doing Chinese-language media communications," Dechert said in a statement. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶ A homeless man plays his guitar while panhandling on the street in New York City in June.

Canada's rich-poor gap widening faster than peers'

Canada is rapidly catching up to the United States as a country divided between haves and have-nots, according to a study issued yesterday by the Conference Board.

The Conference Board says income inequality has been rising more in Canada than in the United States since the mid-1990s, and faster than in many peer countries.

In fact, the think-tank says Canada had the fourth-largest increase in income disparity among a sample group of 17 advanced economies in the period between the mid-1990s and the late 2000s.

"Even though the U.S. currently has the largest rich-poor income gap among these countries, the gap in Canada has been rising at a faster rate," said Anne Golden, the board's chief executive.

Overall, income inequality rose in 10 of the countries sampled, rising fastest in Sweden, Finland and Denmark.

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U.S. poverty rate soars to 1 in 6

50 million Americans go without health coverage, report reveals

The ranks of America's poor swelled to almost one in six people last year, reaching a new high as long-term unemployment left millions of Americans struggling and out of work. The number of uninsured edged up to 49.9 million, the biggest in more than two decades.

The Census Bureau's annual report released yesterday offers a snapshot of the economic well-being of U.S. households for 2010, when joblessness hovered above nine per cent for a second year. It comes at a politically sensitive time for President Barack Obama, who has acknowledged in the midst of a re-election fight that the unemployment rate could persist at high levels through next year.

The overall poverty rate climbed to 15.1 per cent, or 46.2 million, up from 14.3 per cent in 2009. The official poverty level is an annual income of $22,314 US for a family of four.

Reflecting the lingering impact of the recession, the U.S. poverty rate from 2007-2010 has now risen faster than any three-year period since the early 1980s, when a crippling energy crisis amid government cutbacks contributed to inflation, spiralling interest rates and unemployment.

Measured by total numbers, the 46 million now living in poverty is the largest on record dating back to when the census began tracking poverty in 1959. Based on percentages, it tied the poverty level in 1993 and was the highest since 1983.

The median household income was $49,445 US, down 2.3 per cent from 2009.

The latest numbers, which cover Obama's second year in office, offer political fodder for both parties as Obama seeks to push a new $447-billion US plan for creating jobs and stimulating the economy.

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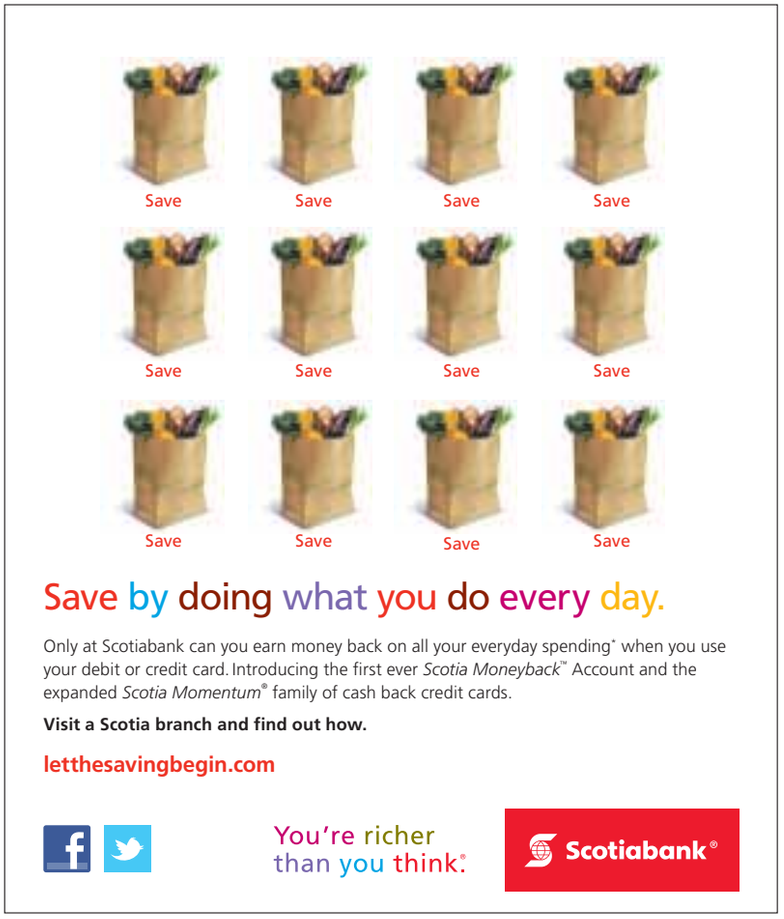
Other findings

- Poverty rose among all race and ethnic groups except Asians.
- The number of Hispanics in poverty increased to 26.6 per cent from 25.3 per cent.
- For blacks, it increased to 27.4 per cent from 25.8 per cent.
- The number of whites in poverty rose to 9.9 per cent from 9.4 per cent.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Fraud convictions upheld in Livent case

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▶ Livent co-founder Garth Drabinsky

Disgraced impresarios Garth Drabinsky and Myron Gottlieb, whose company Livent Inc. was once the toast of the Canadian theatre scene, remain guilty of fraud but will serve shorter prison terms, Ontario's highest court has ruled.

The Ontario Court of Appeal upheld the fraud convictions handed down by a lower court in 2009, but trimmed their jail time by two years each — Drabinsky must now serve five years behind bars, and Gottlieb four years.

The two were convicted after Ontario court Judge Mary Lou Benotto found that during a nine-year span they manipulated the income reported by Livent, once the driving force behind Canadian and Broadway theatre hits like The Phantom of the Opera and Showboat.

At the time of their trial, Benotto imposed a sentence that took into account the magnitude of the company's collapse — it was estimated at the time that investors lost some $500 million when the company went bankrupt in 1998.

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Aqua Books to rise as non-profit

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One of Winnipeg's cherished downtown institutions won't be closing, but it will be different.

Kelly Hughes, owner of Aqua Books on Garry Street, said the used-book store and cultural venue will be restructured as a non-profit, and while the building will be sold, he hopes to stay there.

Hughes said the announcement that the store would be closing netted an overwhelming response.

Hughes said Eat! Bistro will still be closing, likely at the end of October.

Hughes said a group of locals are also trying to put together a co-op to buy the building and lease out extra space to "other creative groups who are doing something good in the community, who are doing something unique."

Those interested can email help@save274.ca.

CRYSTAL LADERAS/METRO WINNIPEG FILE PHOTO

▶ Aqua Books owner Kelly Hughes

Market moment

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JUST SAYIN' ...

PAUL SULLIVAN
METRO

Quick quiz: Who is the most admired person on Earth, living or dead? If your list starts with Martin Luther King Jr., you get the kewpie doll. For example, in a recent survey of 2,000 U.S. high school students, Dr. King was No. 1 above Benjamin Franklin and even Oprah, the only living admirable person who made the list. On survey after survey he's right up there with Gandhi, Nelson Mandela and Winnie the Pooh (even though he is a bear of very little brain, OK?).

If your list started with Jackie Kennedy Onassis, you're eligible for therapy. She was probably the most notorious woman of her generation, but hardly the most admired. True, as U.S. first lady, she put up with serial adulterer John Kennedy until he was assassinated. But when she married Aristotle Onassis, the creepy Greek shipping magnate, she became an object of cynical disdain, especially when, once widowed, she launched a two-year legal battle to extract $26 million out of Christina Onassis, Ari's daughter and sole heir.

"If he were discovered in a hotel room with another woman in 2011, King would make an entirely different list, along with Arnold Schwarzenegger, Eliot Spitzer and the much-admired Anthony Weiner, not to mention Jackie's husband JFK, who brought a whole new meaning to 'affairs of state.'"

Here's an ironic historical footnote. Recently released interview tapes reveal that when she was first lady, Jackie thought King was "tricky" and "phoney" because the FBI caught him with a woman in his hotel room.

This was before it became apparent that "John Kennedy Slept Here" was a whole different story than "George Washington Slept Here."

It's not really fair to judge Jackie with the benefit of hindsight, but that tricky phoney has his own national holiday, Martin Luther King boulevards in every U.S. burg and more than 10,000 (and who knows the degree to which his fame extends to hamlets) public schools, community centres and libraries.

Jackie has the reservoir in Central Park, although once again I'm being unfair. She is also memorialized in a white gazebo in Middleburg, Va., where she often participated in the bizarre practice of inducing hounds to chase and tear apart a fox.

I'm not sure why Jackie O. was oblivious to greatness, athough I harbour graceless suspicions. Give her the benefit of the doubt and take the "tricky phoney" talk at face value. After all, if he were discovered in a hotel room with another woman in 2011, King would make an entirely different list, along with Arnold Schwarzenegger, Eliot Spitzer and the much-admired Anthony Weiner, not to mention Jackie's husband JFK, who brought a whole new meaning to "affairs of state."

The times, they are a changin'. And through it all, Winnie the Pooh remains devoted to Christopher Robin.

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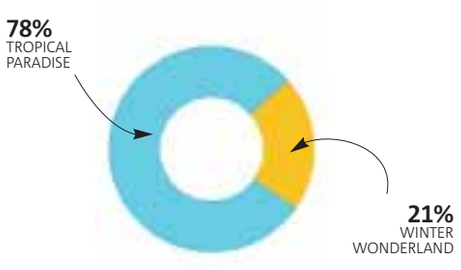
Where is the best place for a winter vacation?



Local tweets

- **@SteveNash:** Fell in love with Winnipeg yesterday. Great people and amazing work by the St. Boniface Hospital Foundation. Until next time...
- **@saucy204:** If peanut butter is on sale this week grab an extra jar for the WinnipegHarvest bin #winnipeg
- **@jeffdsilva:** The Winnipeg Jets are missing a tremendous opportunity if they don't create an "Everyday I'm Byfuglien" remix of Party Rock Anthem.
- **@DFLamont:** Dropped off the official copies of my book The Jinx at @mcnallyrobinson in #Winnipeg. You can buy now or come to my launch on Sept. 21.
- **@carlydermott:** Attending a going away party for an Uncle moving to Winnipeg. Remember when people wanted out of that city, you know, up until 6 months ago?
- **@sarschumann:** Huge sweater, comfy sweats, big warm blankie, movies, twitter and a couch. Gonna be the perfect night.
- **@Msdaravindh:** People generally read 25% slower from a computer screen compared to paper.

Letters

Re: Mother's pain, page 1, Sept. 8, 2011

I have enjoyed reading your daily paper. Good job.

I was disappointed, however, to see the poor taste you showed in placing the photo depicting a mother's grief on the front page of the Sept. 8 issue.

Your publication should not be sinking to tabloid-style voyeurism to generate readers' interest.

MIKE MIRUS
WINNIPEG

Re: Editorial cartoon, page 13, Sept. 8, 2011

I think it is disgusting that people were base enough to send letters to the editor re: the cartoon of the concussed hockey players.

Those were all very well recognizable images of major concussions in hockey.

I think if people don't understand something they have no right to be upset! I don't want good commentary like that snuffed out by ignorant people.

STEPHEN LIPIC
WINNIPEG

Cartoon by Michael de Adder

WEIRD NEWS

A 290-pound man goes to White Castle

A man is suing the White Castle chain, claiming the booths in one of its hamburger restaurants are too small.

Martin Kessman says in the federal lawsuit filed last week that he was embarrassed in 2009 when he tried squeezing his six-foot, 290-pound frame into the seating at a White Castle in New York state.

He says he slammed his knee into a metal post under the table and was in pain.

The lawsuit claims the restaurant could not accommodate a customer of Kessman's stature, in violation of the Americans With Disabilities Act.

The suit seeks an unspecified financial judgment.

Spokesman Jamie Richardson at White Castle headquarters in Columbus, Ohio, says the restaurant is being replaced and the new one will have roomier seating.

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▶ Drew Powell as Bic, James Marsden as David Sumner and Billy Lush as Chris star in Straw Dogs.

Dog days of summer

The man behind remake of Straw Dogs, Rod Lurie, speaks to Metro about its significance

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The year 1971 was a watershed time for new cinema. Films like A Clockwork Orange, Dirty Harry and Straw Dogs pushed the boundaries of what was acceptable on the silver screen. None are passive films.

Each brims with the obsessions of their makers, and for that each was the subject of controversy and censorship.

Eventually they became accepted by the mainstream. A Clockwork Orange has become a cultural touchstone, with everyone from Lady Gaga to David Bowie to Kylie Minogue, who dressed in a black bowler hat and a white jumpsuit on tour in 2002, paying tribute.

It was even played at the Cannes Film Festival and released on Blu Ray to mark its 40th anniversary. Dirty Harry is on constant rotation on television and Rod Lurie's remake of the Sam Peckinpah film Straw Dogs hits screens this weekend.

The movie stars James Marsden and Kate Bosworth as David and Amy Sumner, a big city couple who move back to her hometown on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

"This was an era in which people were searching for answers to the madness that was going on around them."
ROD LURIE

Tensions with some of the locals (including True Blood's Alexander Skarsgård) bubble to the surface and soon boil over into violence.

"If you look at a movie like Straw Dogs, which was heavily influenced by a book called The Territorial Imperative," says Lurie, "Peckinpah seems to be saying that violence is in the genetics of all men and therefore we must be aware of it so we can control it. It was extremely fascist thinking but that also seems to be the thing with Dirty Harry.

"A Clockwork Orange is a much more clinical look at that but I think artists were trying to provide the answers top what society was asking then. It was a very, very violent era.

"This was an era in which people were searching for answers to the madness that was going on around them," Lurie continues, "and filmmakers were trying to provide some of the answers. You had everything from the assassinations of Kennedy and King to Vietnam to the Whitman murders to My Lai. I think all of society was trying to understand how human beings could do such things."

Williams

Michelle Williams tells Vogue magazine in their upcoming issue that although life has settled since the death of her former fiance, actor Heath Ledger, it's affected all facets of her life.
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SARAH'S FLIP FLOPPING MOVIE CAREER

IN FOCUS

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Sarah Jessica Parker is best known as Carrie Bradshaw, the sharp-tongued figurehead of Sex and the City, the long-running ode to post feminism and stylish clothes. But before Mr. Big and the Louboutins she was a movie star with some classics — like Footloose — and some stinkers — like Dudley Do-Right — to her credit.

This weekend she's back on the big screen for the first time in a non-Sex and the City movie since the 2009 flop Did You Hear about the Morgans? In I Don't Know How She Does It she plays a version of Carrie all grown up with kids and a job in the financial sector.

It's a far cry from her first big movie, Footloose.

She played Rusty, a role Parker has called the "best friend of the pretty girl."

The movie and its fancy footwork earned her a Best Young Supporting Actress in a Motion Picture Musical, Comedy, Adventure or Drama nomination at the Sixth Annual Youth in Film Awards.

A few forgettable films followed like Firstborn — described as a "heavy-handed suburban sitcom"— Girls Just Want to Have Fun — called "a total wannabe in the realm of '80s teen flicks"— and Flight of the Navigator, which features the voice of Pee Wee Herman as a robot.

It wasn't until she teamed with Steve Martin in L.A. Story that things started looking up.

In this surreal look at life and love in Los Angeles Parker plays SanDeE, a ditzy blonde who aspires to be a superstar spokesmodel.

"Um, it's just a model who speaks," she explains. "You know, and she points at things like merchandise, you know, like a car or washer and dryer.

Sometimes it's something really small, you know, like, like a book or fine art print."

The movie broke her out of the teen movie mode and displayed her deft comic timing, which was put to great use in Honeymoon in Vegas opposite Nic Cage.

A few flops later she appeared in the critically acclaimed Ed Wood with Johnny Depp.

Playing the much put-upon girlfriend of the world's worst director, she calls the actors and crew of his film Bride of the Monster "the usual cast of misfits and dope addicts."

Her most spectacular pre-Sex and the City role, however, is in Mars Attacks.

In it she plays a flighty talk show host, who literally becomes a talking head when she is beheaded by aliens.

Prosecutors appeal dismissal of conspiracy counts in Anna Nicole Smith drug case

Megan Fox

Megan Fox up for motherhood

Megan Fox is up for being a mom, but first she needs to pad out her bank account.

"I want to have children. I've always wanted kids," she tells Amica magazine.

"I have a number in my mind of what amount of money I want in the bank so that I can protect my child's future."

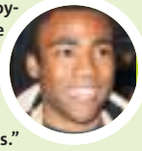
While she's saving, she's also ditching her vegan diet.

"For a year and a half, until about four months ago, I followed a strict vegan diet based on raw fruits and vegetables, no bread, sugar and coffee. But I had lost too much weight," she says. METRO

Celebrity tweets

@JessicaSimpson
"What kind of music would y'all want from me on my next album? Thinking about going back to the studio"

@SarahKSilverman
"I'm pretty much done watching actors & actresses pensively looking out windows"


@DonaldGlover
"I'm enjoying these girls dressed like faux tomboys in the 70s."

@SethMacFarlane
"Wow — I hit a million followers and Twitter sent me a pink Cadillac."

Eva Longoria admits it's a little too soon after her split from Tony Parker to think about settling down again.

"I'm not opposed to it, I just don't really give it a lot of thought right now," Longoria tells Access Hollywood.

"Ask a woman after divorce if she's going to get married, you won't get an honest answer." METRO

Aniston's mom suffers a stroke

Star reportedly visiting her mother in hospital with boyfriend Justin Theroux Actress and her mom have had rocky relationship

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Jennifer Aniston

Jennifer Aniston's mom, Nancy Dow, was reportedly hospitalized recently after suffering a stroke, according to the Daily Mail.

"She's in the hospital. She's fabulous, a very nice lady. She's also very private," a source says of Dow, who is said to be unable to speak and in serious condition.

Aniston reportedly visited the hospital with Justin Theroux at her side.

Aniston and Dow were on the outs for many years, with the actress not even inviting her mother to her 2000 wedding to Brad Pitt, though they reportedly reconciled in 2008.

Aniston's rep would only say that it was a private family matter. METRO

Christina Aguilera will stay with The Voice for Season 2

Producers behind the reality singing competition The Voice have no plans to ditch judge Christina Aguilera, despite rumours that the singer isn't going to be part of the show's second season. "There is absolutely no truth to the rumour," NBC's Paul Telegdy says in an official statement. Aguilera is still under contract for season two, which premieres in February. METRO

Christina Aguilera

Go Harry

Prince Harry set a record for closing the largest foreign exchange deal while manning the phones during a charity event, completing a $24.5 billion deal between Barclays London and a European counterpart, according to the London Metro. METRO

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French food, culture await in St. Pierre & Miquelon

The islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon offer a taste of France, just a short ferry ride off the coast of Newfoundland

This tiny collection of islands, about 25 kilometres from Fortune, N.L., has a total population of around 7,000 people. It is all that remains of colonial New France.

A former strategic land base for the once lucrative cod fishery, the French government now pays about $65 million a year in subsidies to sustain the islands — its only toehold in North America. St. Pierre and Miquelon were returned to France in 1815 after several stints of British occupation.

Today, residents speak French, deal in Euros and rely heavily on government jobs, fishing and tourism.

The smallest of the islands, St. Pierre, is also the most populated, with colourful clapboard homes on tidy, winding streets that are home to about 6,000 people. Restaurants and bakeries bustle with foreigners in summer.

History buffs won't want to miss the L'Arche museum in the centre of town, where a guillotine similar to one used in 1889 is housed. The eerie killing machine is on display next to the museum's main staircase. The only soul to die by guillotine in North America was a fisherman convicted of murdering a fishing boat captain. He was beheaded in St. Pierre on Aug. 24, 1889.

It is said that local people were so disgusted the guillotine was never used again.

On the lighter side, visitors can also soak up rich tales of rum-running and gangsters, as St. Pierre became the ideal base for booze shipments to a very thirsty North America during Prohibition in the 1920s.

The North American alcohol ban was a bonanza for the fishing town until Prohibition ended in the United States in 1933. Dry laws were repealed in most of Canada several years earlier, depending on the province.

"A lot of people earned a lot of money during those years in St. Pierre and Miquelon," said Lauriane Detcheverry, a spokeswoman for the L'Arche museum.

"But in St. Pierre it wasn't illegal. People selling alcohol here weren't doing something wrong."

Some of the island's most oft-told yarns hail from those heady days.

Just down the street from the museum is the historic Hotel Robert where, according to local lore, Al Capone stayed during a visit to check on liquor shipments.

In a glass cabinet in the gift shop sits a straw hat that Capone apparently left as a souvenir of his presence.

"It may be Al Capone's hat, but it's difficult to say if it's really true or not," says Detcheverry. "But we like to believe that history, of course."

In Miquelon, with a permanent population of about 700 people, the church L'Eglise de Miquelon tells local history in its stained glass windows.

"It's worth a visit because it's so beautiful," Madeline Fitzsimmons of Huntsville, Ont., said during a trip last month to the islands.

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If you go

Be sure to bring a power adapter for any North American electronics.

- **Air Saint-Pierre** 1-877-277-7765, airsaintpierre.com
- **Ferry:** saintpierreferry.ca
- **Tours:** chezjanot.fr

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▶ The harbour of St. Pierre was once the perfect base for booze shipments for North America under the wraps of Prohibition.

▶ St. Pierre and Miquelon offer plenty to see.

Travel in brief

Authors will be taking to the water on Sept. 25 for readings at the Word on the Street book and magazine festival in Halifax. The deck of CSS Acadia, the 98-year-old scientific ship parked beside the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic, will be the stationary setting for readings by Steven Laffoley and Jerry Lockett from their new, nautical books.

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Canadians less green when they're travelling than at home, says eco group.

Good things come in packets

Shiitake mushrooms and fresh thyme perfectly complement salmon and rice Serve with white wine and lemon wedges Omega-3 fatty acids have never been this delicious

Whether grilled on the barbecue or cooked in the oven, these packets are ideal for entertaining. They can be prepared in advance, refrigerated and cooked just before serving.

Steaming the ingredients in the packet infuses the flavours, creating a mouth-watering, robust taste.

Shopping List:

Rice and Salmon Packets

- 15 ml (1 tbsp) butter
- 4 green onions, white parts only, sliced (reserve greens for garnish)
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 250 g (8 oz) shiitake mushrooms thickly sliced
- 1/2 small fennel bulb, sliced
- 5 ml (1 tsp) minced fresh thyme
- 500 ml (2 cups) cooled, cooked brown rice
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) each coarse salt and fresh cracked pepper
- 4 fish fillets (each 125 g/4 oz), such as salmon, halibut, cod or Arctic char
- Lemon wedges

Rice and Salmon Packets Preparation:

1. Preheat oven to 230 C (450 F). Or preheat barbecue to high.
2. Cut 4 pieces of parchment or foil into 30-cm (12-inch) squares.
3. In a large skillet, melt butter over medium heat. Add green onions and garlic; cook until fragrant but not browned, about 1 minute. Add mushrooms, fennel and thyme and cook until mushrooms are golden, most of the liquid has evaporated and fennel is tender crisp.
4. Spread 125 ml (1/2 cup) of the rice on one side of a sheet of parchment. Lay a portion of fish over rice, top with a quarter of the mushroom-fennel mixture and sprinkle with coarse salt and fresh cracked pepper. Repeat with remaining portions.
5. Seal packages and place on a rimmed baking sheet. Bake in oven until puffed and golden, about 8 minutes. To cook on the barbecue, place packets on a rimmed baking sheet and place on grill over direct heat. Close lid and cook for about 8 minutes.
6. Serve in paper packet or carefully transfer contents to a dinner plate. Serve with lemon wedges.

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▶ Rice and salmon packets can be cooked on the grill or in the oven. Makes 4 servings.

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Chin up during co-op hunt

STUDENT VOICE

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When I first heard about co-operative education programs offered at universities, I immediately figured that the work-study cycle would be an excellent way to gain exposure to the professional world.

All throughout my first year I was looking forward to working at a job related to what I was studying. As my first work term approached, I quickly realized how difficult it would be, especially since my faculty is the smallest on campus and I am competing with students in their upper years.

When I started searching for my first co-op position, there were lots of job postings available but out of the many positions I applied to, I only managed to obtain one interview out of that first cycle.

My search did not get any easier in the second job posting round, as the job postings became scarce and my chances at securing employment slim.

After countless cover letters and resumé modifications I received another two interviews, both which did not lead to a work placement. My struggles continued well into exam period last December and eventually the term ended.

As I was packing my belongings for the winter holidays I realized I had nowhere to work for my first co-op term.

Near the end of January I was able to secure employment through the university job search portal for a position I applied for several weeks back.

My first co-op job search in university taught me that previous experience (especially relevant experience) really counts and sometimes volunteer work doesn't cut it.

Employers should realize that students who are trying to secure their first work term placements are part of the pool that they will be selecting candidates from for the next couple of years as well. Don't rule students out when you see a lack of work experience on their resumés.

Students may not always have relevant work experience, but they may have other relevant volunteer experience instead.

Give the fresh undergrads an opportunity to develop and enhance their skills.

▶ Shabdit Shah pursued a placement relentlessly and his hard work finally paid off.

Where Shabdit is now

I'm currently working at General Electric, and it has been a great experience thus far. I admit that my first experience with the co-operative education program was not a pleasant one, but in the end it resulted in a terrific work placement. I'm hoping that my future job searches will continue to be successful, as well as easier.

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What I learned

Key take-aways from Shabdit's experience:

- Gain relevant experience in your field to be taken seriously by employers
- Clearly highlight how your extra-curricular activities gave you transferable skills applicable to your job
- Stay motivated — persistence and hard work pays off!

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What's a librarian? Experts warn that students' poor research skills could hinder their careers

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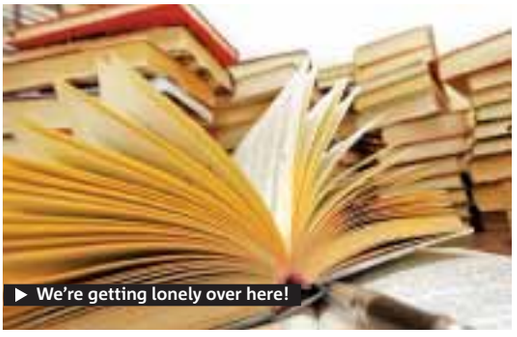

▶ We're getting lonely over here!

Somewhere within the stacks of a campus library, a librarian sits and waits, longing for someone to seek her help.

She'll be waiting for a while.

According to a recent study by Ethnographic Research in Illinois Academic Libraries Project, students are turning more to Internet search engines and less to physical research.

The three-year study consisted of interviews with librarians, students and other campus faculty at five universities. They found that students often don't know where to turn when it comes to doing real research within the library. In fact, students prefer to just enter a few key words into a search engine rather than pour through academic journals and encyclopedias.

The concept of using a librarian for academic assistance is apparently foreign to the modern student, researchers told USA Today.

The researchers said they were surprised by "the extent to which students appeared to lack even some of the most basic information literacy skills that we assumed they would have mastered in high school."

Apparently, students mentioned Google 115 times during the interviews for the study, more than twice as many times as any other research method.

Students aren't completely to blame, though, for their lack of library prowess. Researchers also point the finger at librarians for overestimating students' knowledge of research techniques, often resulting in conversations that leave students feeling intimidated.

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THE WAYS TO WAGE WAR ON A WORK CASE

WORKPLACE LAW

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Employees are often the authors of their own misfortunes at work. Few take advantage of laws that are construed in their favour. Fewer will challenge their employer's decisions, however unjust. Most will just complain. But, if you have an inclination to fight back, here are some dos and don'ts:

Skeletons

Just about every employee has a skeleton in their closet. If yours is so bad you can't risk it being exposed, then do not challenge your employer's decision to discipline or dismiss you, however unfair. Some workplace skeletons, although not harmful to your case, will ultimately be harmful to your career.

Condonation

Many good cases die on the vine because of a delay in mounting an appropriate response. If you disagree with an employer's decision, such as a pay cut or demotion, you must immediately protest it and do so in writing. Failing to respond simply conveys to your employer that you agreed with the decision or at least that you did not care enough to complain.

Allegations

Few employees can afford to wait years to settle a case. Many of these cases would have settled quickly but for trumped up allegations of bad faith or mistreatment. When you name names in a lawsuit, you motivate your employer to vigorously defend it. In my experience, too many employee-side lawyers mistakenly aggrandize claims and then later regret it.

Hypocrites

Many cases turn sideways when the conduct you complain of is similar to what you have done. In one recent bullying case, the judge found that although the employee had been bullied at work, she had previously bullied her own colleagues. Although her claim for bullying was legitimate, she was denied damages because she had engaged in the very same conduct that she had complained of. Do not expect any sympathy for your grievances if you do not make them with clean hands.

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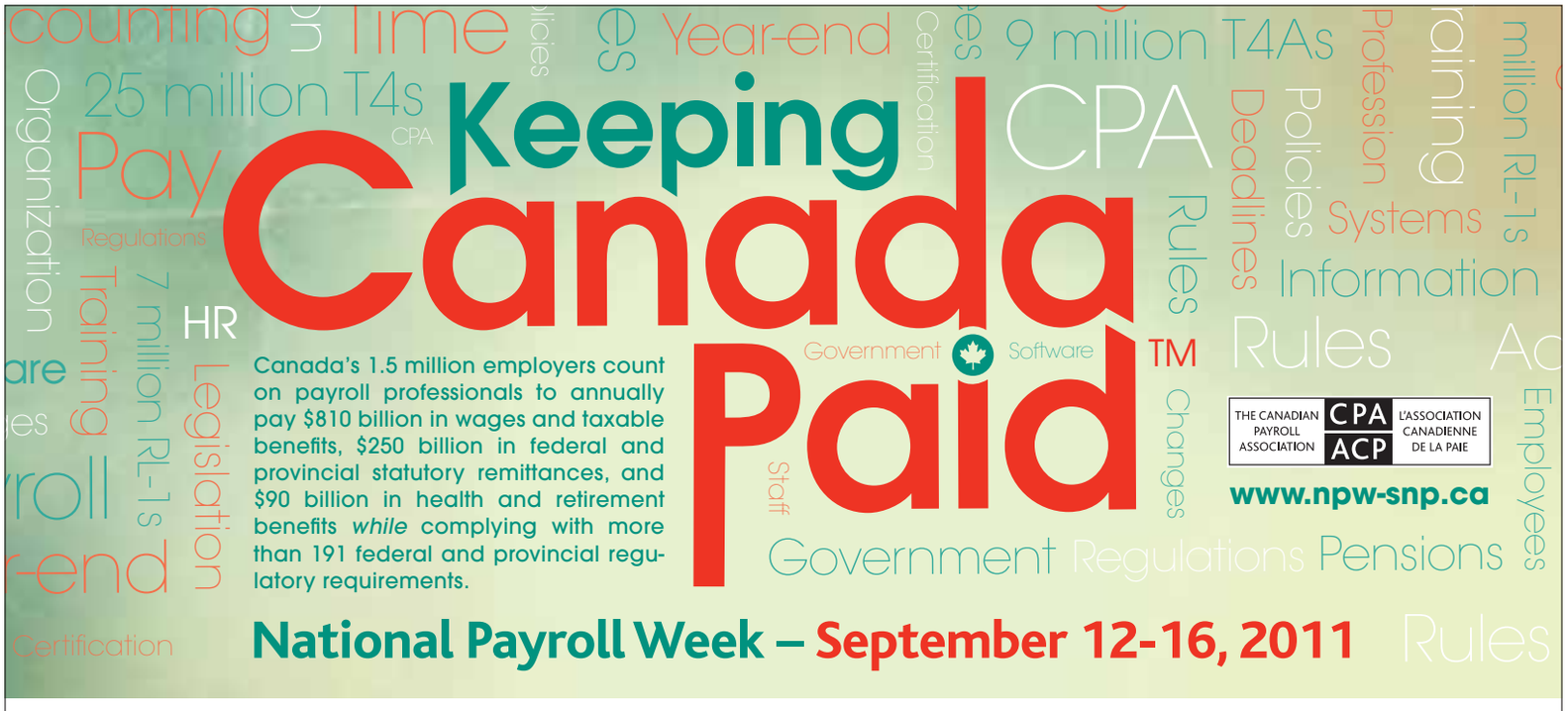
▶ If you are a bully, a complaint about your employer's aggressive behaviour may not be taken as seriously in court.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NBA optimism low as talks stall

The long looks on players' faces and the anger in deputy commissioner Adam Silver's voice made it obvious: There was no progress in New York yesterday in talks to end the NBA lockout.

And with less than three weeks until training camps, the latest setback may be a tough one.

"I think coming out of today, obviously because of the calendar, we can't come out of here feeling as though training camps and the season is going to start on time at this point," players' association president Derek Fisher of the Lakers said.

Still divided over the salary-cap structure, owners and players decided to pass on talking again today, and no further meetings are scheduled at this point.

"Well, we did not have a great day, I think it's fair to say that," commissioner David Stern said. "On the other hand, we did say that it is our collective task to decide what we want on the one hand on each side, and two, what each side needs if we choose to work ourselves in such a way as to have the season start on time. That's still our goal."

Training camps have been expected to open Oct. 3 and the regular season's opening night is scheduled for Nov. 1.

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Stuck on the cap

The salary cap appears to now be the biggest obstacle to a new NBA deal.

- The current system allows teams to exceed the cap ceiling through various exceptions if they are willing to pay a luxury tax, giving big-market teams such as the Lakers — who can take on added payroll — an advantage over the little guys.

Rays of hope in wild-card race

Tampa Bay surges toward AL's final playoff spot as Boston struggles

It's already October for the Tampa Bay Rays, who have switched into playoff mode in a late push to overtake the sagging Boston Red Sox for the AL wild-card spot.

After losing four of five, Tampa Bay trailed the Red Sox by nine games on Sept. 2. The Rays have since gone 8-2 and now sit four games back of a Boston club staggering toward the finish.

The key was a three-game sweep of the Red Sox over the weekend, capped by a 9-1 rout on Sunday.

"Everyone has stepped up and contributed to this run," Rays designated hitter Johnny Damon said. "Now we have to keep it going."

Tampa Bay lost some momentum last night with a 4-2 loss to the Orioles.

The Rays know almost every game from here on out is a must-win.

"We already started the playoffs," Tampa Bay manager Joe Maddon said Monday. "We're going for the two-month gig. ... There's no letting up. Every game from our perspective has a playoff atmosphere attached to it. That's the way it should be, and that's the way we have to approach it."

There's no need to preach that philosophy to the players, who are well aware of the situation.

"These games (against the Orioles) are just as important as the ones we just played and the ones we're going to be playing," Damon said.

The Rays close out the series in Baltimore tonight before heading to Boston for four games against the Red Sox, who broke a five-game losing streak with a 18-6 win over Toronto last night. Then come four games at Yankee Stadium, followed by the final homestand: Three games versus the Jays and three against New York.

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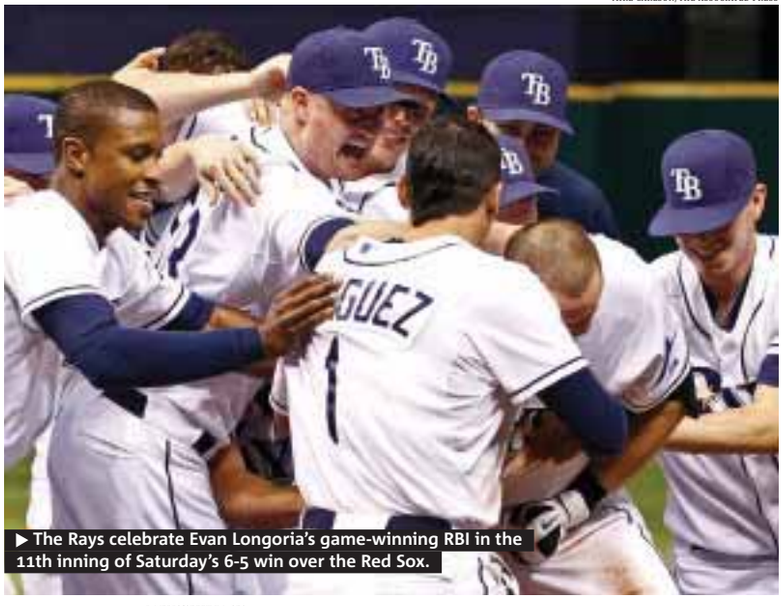

▶ The Rays celebrate Evan Longoria's game-winning RBI in the 11th inning of Saturday's 6-5 win over the Red Sox.

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"We got counted out so many times this year — as recently as several days ago. ... We need to keep pushing and getting better, and hopefully it rewards us at the very end."

TAMPA BAY DESIGNATED HITTER JOHNNY DAMON

Sports in brief

Former World Series MVP Manny Ramirez, who retired this year amid allegations of banned-substance use, is facing criminal prosecution on charges he hit his wife during an argument. Ramirez, 39, could get up to a year in jail if convicted of misdemeanour domestic-battery charges. He was released on $2,500 US bail yesterday after spending the night in the Broward County Jail in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Scan code for more sports.

Already atop the tennis world, Djokovic aims higher

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▶ Novak Djokovic poses with his U.S. Open trophy atop the Empire State Building in New York yesterday.

Novak Djokovic is ranked No. 1 and is 64-2 in 2011, and sees room for improvement.

He won three of four Grand Slam titles this year — the Australian Open, Wimbledon and U.S. Open — and is talking about adding to his collection.

"There is a lot more to prove, a lot more tournaments to win," Djokovic told reporters at the Empire State Building yesterday, a day after he beat Rafael Nadal in the U.S. Open final.

Leading man

Djokovic didn't say whether he'd like to wind up on TV or in a movie, but the 24-year-old Serb did say he has had offers.

And that's not all: Djokovic gained plenty of attention for his spot-on impersonations of other players (Nadal, Andy Roddick and Maria Sharapova, among others), and now he wants to pursue acting.

"Yeah. Why not? I might do something if I have time soon. And I would like to. I just think show business is something that attracts me," he said.

He's is doing pretty well at his day job, putting together what seven-time major champion John McEnroe called "the greatest year in the history of our sport, there's no doubt about it."

McEnroe, by the way, went 82-3 in 1984.

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Monster engine

The Dodge Charger SRT8's potency has been significantly enhanced for 2012.

The previous 2010 SRT8 (a 2011 version was never offered) generated 425 horsepower and 420 pound-feet of torque from a 6.1-litre "Hemi" V-8.

What's now being served up is a 6.4-litre Hemi that produces 470 horsepower and 470 pound-feet of torque.

What's more, a significant amount of that torque kicks in below the 3,000-r.p.m. range to help enhance the car's off-the-line scoot.

Hustle and (gas) flow

The SRT's development team will brag that the chunky 1,985-kilogram Charger can hustle to 60 m.p.h. (96 km/h) from a dead stop in "the high four-second range" and is capable of a 280 km/h top speed.

To try to keep the SRT8's premium-gas habit within an acceptable range, the engine uses Chrysler's latest deactivation technology that cuts out half the cylinders over a wider r.p.m. range for an estimated 25 per cent increase in highway fuel economy (8.0 l/100 km, est.).

Brembo brakes

Perhaps the most obvious SRT8 feature is its very distinctive 20-inch (and nine-inch-wide) polished aluminum wheels that really set this beast apart from mainstream Chargers.

To haul the big, bad Dodge down in a hurry, there are front and rear Brembo-brand four-piston brake calipers and a special underbody ducting that help keep the brakes cooler and more fade-resistant.

▶ Well ... what else are you going to do with 470 horsepower? Exaggerated looks and exaggerated power leads to exaggerated tire smoke.

A 21-gun salute to a bygone era

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Into this eco-minded age of milquetoast hybrid and electric vehicles, the 2012 Dodge Charger SRT8 comes roaring back to life sporting a honking-big V-8 engine and a serious case of nose-thumbing attitude.

Consider this big family sedan a 21-gun salute to a bygone era when full-size North American family sedans could be optioned with a surplus of tire-smoking grunt that made its normally buttoned-down drivers smile gleefully from ear to ear while the neighbours simply ran for cover.

The Charger is no anomaly, but part of a family of SRT8-branded vehicles for the 2012 model year that also includes the Chrysler 300, Dodge Challenger and Jeep Grand Cherokee. They form what is one of the widest arrays of all-out performance machinery available anywhere.

Compared to the previous SRT8, this one bares its teeth in a more menacing fashion.

The basic Charger underwent a 2011 refit that gave it a sleeker and more aggressive look, improved road manners and a new base V-6.

The SRT8 expands on this theme.

Needless to say, the $54,000 (estimated) SRT8's performance and creature comforts would amaze its Hemi Charger ancestors.

That a car like this even exists in this day and age is perhaps the most amazing fact of all.

▶ The SRT8's interior has been extensively upgraded for 2012 with better materials.

▶ Despite a delicious interior and significant performance upgrades, buyers are still going to get a five-speed automatic transmission. This time around, though, there are paddles mounted to the steering wheel for shifting.

Charger SRT8

What you should know about the 2012 Dodge Charger SRT8:

- **Types:** Four-door, rear-wheel-drive full-size sedan.
- **Engine (hp):** 6.4-litre OHV V-8 (470).
- **Transmission:** Five-speed automatic with paddle shifters.
- **Market position:** Despite economic and environmental concerns, a number of automakers are finding an audience for prodigiously powered vehicles. Think of the Charger as a "family-man's" Dodge Challenger.
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 15.0/8.0 (est.).

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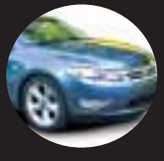
By comparison

Ford Taurus SHO
Base price: $49,800
Ford's twin-turbocharged V-6 is 100-plus hp short, but good fuel economy.



Hyundai Genesis R-Spec
Base price: $55,250
All-new 2012 model gives Hyundai its first performance sedan.

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SECOND GEAR

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Looking for a used family hauler that doesn't make a scene, is easy to park, and doesn't burn through fuel like a refinery fire? Skip the rest of this write-up on the Hummer H2.

Launched for the 2003 model year, this Hummer featured 325 horsepower, a gargantuan body, and more off-road hardware than most of its owners would come close to needing. Big, tough and aggressive, the H2 was a fashion statement as much as a rock-crawling weapon.

Look for automatic climate control, power accessories, leather seats, Bose audio, auto-dimming mirrors and plenty more.

2003-10 Hummer H2

Engine

H2's six-litre, 325-horsepower engine was replaced in 2008 with a 6.2-litre unit that cranked out 393 ponies. The four-speed automatic was replaced with a six-speed unit, too.

What owners like

Most owners report that their H2s deliver a smooth and comfortable ride that's also quiet when driven modestly. Interior space and size, functionality, versatility and all-road confidence are other major plusses, alongside a built-in sense of adventure.

What owners dislike

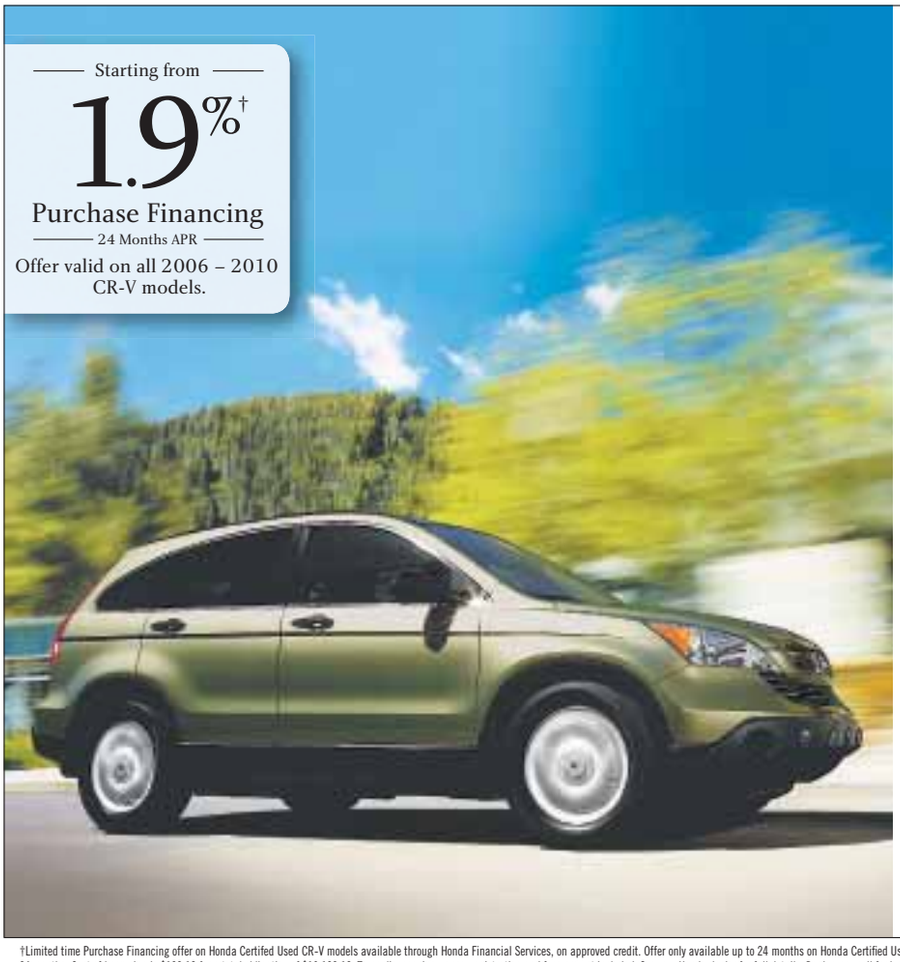
Gripes tend to centre around fuel consumption, parking difficulties, and issues fitting into snug quarters. Some owners wish for more performance from the factory Bose audio system, more in-cabin storage and more thoughtfulness to the ergonomics.

Common issues

Ensure your potential H2 tracks straight down the road, as some owners have reported alignment issues evidenced by a "pull" to one side or the other. Cycle the H2 between its two- and four-wheel drive modes as outlined in the owner's manual, ensuring the transfer case shifts properly. Check carpeting thoroughly for signs of moisture, which may be caused by clogged, kinked or leaky sunroof drain hoses. Also ensure that steering-wheel mounted controls for the audio system and cruise control work properly.

Verdict

A healthy Hummer H2 with a mechanical thumbs-up should prove a unique, flexible family hauler that's big on size and capability.



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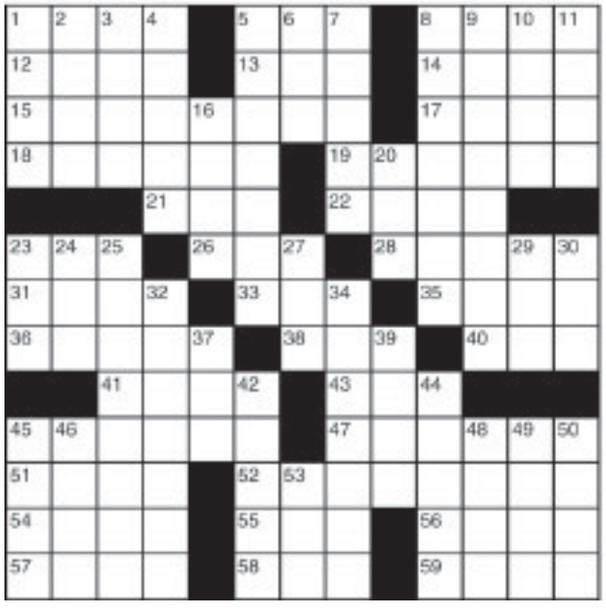

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Down

1 Took the bus
2 Alternative to Windows
3 Platter
4 Go in
5 Coated in flour
6 Suffix with robot
7 High-ranking Turk
8 Notwithstanding, with "of"
9 Futon, for one
10 Entreaty
11 Beach stuff
16 Paper quantity
20 Type measures
23 — -Man (vintage video game)
24 Cigar residue
25 Diner employee
27 "That's funny," to a texter
29 Gorilla
30 Caustic solution
32 Satisfies
34 Life, to Sally Bowles
37 Tackle's teammate
39 Refuses to
42 Clear the air?
44 "Déja vu all over again" speaker
45 Throat clearer
46 String tie
48 Repast
49 "— It Romantic?"
50 Regarding
53 Acapulco gold

▶ Yesterday's answer

Sudoku

9		5		3		4	7	
	8	1						
			2					5
6		3	7					
2			1		3			6
					4	7		8
5					8			
						9	8	
	3	4		1		6		2

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

5	9	7	3	6	4	2	1	8
1	6	8	2	7	9	3	4	5
4	3	2	8	1	5	6	9	7
6	7	9	1	3	8	4	5	2
8	2	4	9	5	7	1	3	6
3	1	5	6	4	2	7	8	9
2	8	1	7	9	3	5	6	4
7	5	3	4	8	6	9	2	1
9	4	6	5	2	1	8	7	3

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You
Our love story is not a fairy tale; it's a tragic love story like Romeo and Juliet. Tell your kids our story when they will grow up. You insulted me, so forget about me.
FROM ME

Simba
You are a great handsome lion. And one day, you will be all mine. Until that day, I will wait patiently, having good fun times. I will smile and giggle ever so slyly at the idea of you and me. BIG lionness kiss, tender paw reaching for you all the way up to the full moon tonight. Playfully yours xo
FROM NALA

Maya burnaby ;)
Some love one Some love two I love one and that is you Maya.. Hoping for a chance to show you my love
FROM UR FORMER PIZZA HUT BOSS

A look at the weather

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Min 1°	Min 6°	Min 11°
Max 12°	Max 17°	Max 21°

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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 If you try too hard to impress your employer or someone else in a position of authority today you may end up doing more than is good for you.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Believe in yourself and the world will believe in you too.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Certain theories may seem convincing but you don't need to adopt what other people believe.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Don't get too adventurous financially because this is not a good time to take that kind of risk.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 You need to be aware today of how your decisions impact on other people.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Your confidence will get the kind of boost that makes all things seem possible.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 If you were planning something strenuous for today or tomorrow it might be wise to think again.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You will be called on to deal with a challenge to your authority.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 It may seem as if you are at the mercy of events but it is how you react to those events that matters.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You don't need to spend a fortune to get what you desire.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Don't let the world stifle your creativity.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. Do whatever it takes to free up some time for yourself and the things that you want to do.

SALLY BROMPTON

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